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RESOLUTIONS

1994/50. Suspension of the consultative status of the International Lesbian and Gay Association with the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Article 71 of the Charter of the United Nations, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1/

Reaffirming article 24 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 2/ which provides for the right of every child to such measures of protection as are required by his or her status as a minor,

Reaffirming also its resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968 on arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations, in which it is stipulated, inter alia, that the aims and purposes of non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council shall be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its decision 1993/329 of 30 July 1993, in which it granted consultative status to the International Lesbian and Gay Association,

Deeply concerned about questions that have been raised about whether member organizations or subsidiaries of the International Lesbian and Gay Association promote or condone paedophilia, contrary to international human rights standards and therefore the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. Decides, pending a review by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and action by the Economic and Social Council, as provided for in paragraphs 2 and 3 below, and without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 37 of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV), to suspend the Roster status of the International Lesbian and Gay Association;

2. Authorizes the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to hold an inter-sessional meeting in order to carry out an inquiry into whether any of the International Lesbian and Gay Association member organizations or subsidiaries promote or condone paedophilia and, after giving the Association an opportunity to present its views and provide further necessary information relevant to the assurances called for in paragraph 3 below, to make a recommendation to the Council concerning the Roster status of the Association;

3. Decides to consider reinstating the Roster status of the International Lesbian and Gay Association, upon an appropriate recommendation of the Committee on Non-Government Organizations, at such time as the International Lesbian and

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1/ General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex.

2/ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

Gay Association can provide the Council convincing assurances that neither the Association nor its member organizations or subsidiaries promote, condone or seek the legalization of paedophilia.

50th plenary meeting
16 September 1994

1994/51. Merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/111 of 20 December 1993, in which the Assembly emphasized that the ultimate goal of restructuring should be to strengthen the programmes for the advancement of women and to enhance the efficiency of the work of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women, in function, structure and cost-effectiveness,

Recalling also that, in resolution 48/111, the Assembly requested, the Secretary-General, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in accordance with rule 157 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 a report on the proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women,

Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its fourteenth session, 3/

Having also considered the report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/111, 4/

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/111, 5/ in which, inter alia, the Committee recommended that the proposed merger be considered at the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, to be held in 1995,

Taking into consideration that, in resolution 48/111, the Assembly urged that the interaction between the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Secretariat, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women be reviewed and rationalized within the context of ongoing efforts to revitalize the Economic and Social Council in pursuance of a stronger, more unified programme for the advancement of women,

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3/ E/1994/68 and Corr.1.

4/ A/49/217-E/1994/103.

5/ A/49/365-E/1994/119.

Recognizing that the Commission on the Status of Women is the preparatory body for the Fourth World Conference on Women,

Taking into consideration that the Fourth World Conference on Women will study and make recommendations on the institutional arrangements in the United Nations system for the advancement of women,

Emphasizing that the advancement of women should be an integral part of the economic and social development process within the main global issues, such as gender equality and women's participation in the peace process, in national and international governance and in sustainable development,

Stressing the urgent need for appropriate leadership and staffing for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, which should be addressed as a matter of priority by the Secretary-General,

Taking into account that the World Conference on Human Rights, in its Declaration and Programme of Action, 6/ reaffirmed the human rights of women as inalienable and an integral and indivisible part of universal human rights, and that the full and equal participation of women in political, civil, economic, social and cultural life, at the national, regional and international levels, and the eradication of all forms of discrimination on the grounds of sex are priority objectives of the international community,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/111; 4/

2. Also takes note of the questions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 5/ and its conclusion that further studies were necessary before a definite decision could be made on the question of the proposed merger;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, an updated report which would contain, inter alia, the information requested in Council decision 1993/235 and paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 48/111, as well as the additional information requested by the Advisory Committee;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to make that report available to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-ninth session;

5. Recommends that the General Assembly request the Economic and Social Council to re-examine the issue, at a resumed session to take place after the Fourth World Conference on Women and before the Third Committee of the General Assembly takes up the agenda item on the advancement of women, taking into account the deliberations of the Commission on the Status of Women, at its thirty-ninth session, the Fourth World Conference on Women and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning the institutional arrangements in the United Nations system for the advancement of women;

6. Recommends that the General Assembly take a final decision on the proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women at its

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6/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

fiftieth session, in view of the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council and the deliberations at the Commission on the Status of Women and the Fourth World Conference on Women concerning the institutional arrangements in the United Nations system for the advancement of women.

52nd plenary meeting
3 November 1994

DECISIONS

1994/306. Elections, appointments and nominations

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 3 November 1994, the Council took the following action with regard to its subsidiary and related bodies:

COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The Council elected Kazakhstan for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from African states for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

The Council elected Chile, Jordan and Pakistan for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from African States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1995 and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996.

COMMITTEE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY AND ON ENERGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Council elected José Fernando Isaza (Colombia) to replace Juan Camilo Restrepo Salazar (Colombia).

The Council postponed to a future session the election of three members from African States for a term beginning on the date of election.

POPULATION COMMISSION

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from African States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997.

COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from Asian States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Council postponed to a future session the election of two members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election.

COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from list B and one member from list C for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1995. 1/

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one government-nominated expert.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The Council appointed the following five members of the Board of Trustees for a three-year term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 30 June 1997: Selma Acuner (Turkey), Fatima Benslimane Hassar (Morocco), D. Gail Saunders (Bahamas), Renata Siemienska-Zochowska (Poland) and Soedarsono (Indonesia).

COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION AWARD

The Council elected Philippines for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

The Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, nominated the following two Member States for election by the

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1/ See the lists of United Nations and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations member States for the elections for the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme (E/1994/L.6/annex II).

General Assembly at its forty-ninth session for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1995:

(a) Asian States (one vacancy): Marshall Islands;

(b) Latin American and Caribbean States (one vacancy): Dominican Republic.

The Council postponed to a future session the nomination of one member from Eastern European States and two members from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

The Council further postponed the nomination of one member from Eastern European States and one member from Western European and other States whose election was postponed by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

1994/307. Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 3 November 1994, the Council, noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 1994/64 of 9 March 1994, approved the Commission's request that the Secretary-General, without further delay, provide the Special Rapporteur with all the necessary assistance in carrying out his mandate, enabling him to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session and a comprehensive report to the Commission at its fifty-first session.

1994/308. Provisional agenda and documentation for the third session of the Committee on Natural Resources

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 3 November 1994, the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the third session of the Committee set out below.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Activities of the United Nations system in the field of water and mineral resources, and inter-agency coordination focusing on progress made towards achieving sustainable development.

Documentation

Separate reports of the Secretary-General on water and mineral resources, respectively, focusing on progress made towards achieving sustainable development, describing the coordination and integration of activities of United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, and

focusing also on changes made by the United Nations in response to Agenda 21 and on the success of programmes in meeting the goals set

Report of the Secretary-General identifying new and future uses to which remote-sensing technology and data sets can be applied in the mineral and water sectors

4. Review of progress on water-related issues:

(a) Review of regional and global information on the state of the world's freshwater resources;

Documentation

Separate reports of the Secretary-General on reviews of regional and global information, respectively, on the state of the world's freshwater resources

(b) Consideration of institutional and legal issues in water resource management.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on consideration of institutional and legal issues in water resource management, with specific attention to countries in tropical and water-scarce areas

5. Review of implementation plans for averting the freshwater crisis.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of implementation plans for averting the freshwater crisis

6. Future water resource management issues and the strategies and policies that the international community should be considering in response.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the inter-sessional strategy paper of the Committee on National Resources on future water resource management issues and appropriate strategies and policies

7. Inflow of funds and new technologies in the mineral sector of developing countries and economies in transition:

(a) Complementarity between the roles and obligations of investors and involved parties of host countries considering the intrinsic value of mineral deposits and accrued benefits;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General covering the assessment of the benefits accruing to host countries from the inflow of funds and technology for mineral development, taking into account the intrinsic value of mineral deposits, with a view to providing guidance on

mechanisms that would allow complementarity between the roles and obligations of investors and host Governments, all aiming at the sustainability of development

(b) Socio-economic aspects of privatization of State-owned mineral assets.

Documentation

Oral report on the status of the study incorporating inputs from the United Nations system, as well as from other sources, on socio-economic implications of privatization of State-owned mineral assets, with particular reference to future mineral investment (including an assessment of changes in living standards and identification of possible remedial measures, and ways and means to establish a dialogue involving all parties concerned, e.g., Governments, local communities, trade unions and investors)

8. New global and regional approaches to mineral resource assessment and the role of the United Nations system:

(a) Integration of existing information on mineral resource potential to develop a global understanding;

Documentation

Oral report on the preparation of a plan for the integration of existing information on mineral resource potential collected by the United Nations system, other organizations and Member States, on an ongoing basis so as to develop a global understanding

(b) Interregional workshop to formulate a pilot project in developing standard approaches to the identification and assessment of permissive mineral tracts.

Documentation

Oral report on the status of an interregional workshop to formulate a pilot project (for an appropriate region) which should develop standard approaches to the identification and qualitative assessment of permissive tracts and be based on geographical information system technology, which would allow integration with other land management information

9. Developments in small-scale mining.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on small-scale mining that includes a quantitative evaluation of its importance in the economies of developing countries and economies in transition (including an analysis of new approaches and developments focused on the role of local communities, the role of the private sector and the flow of foreign capital and the creation of joint ventures, and highlighting recent results obtained in some new areas of activity, e.g., building materials, mineral waters, geothermal waters)

10. Environmental protection and restoration issues arising from mineral industry activities.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General examining key advances in the development and application of state-of-the-art technologies for minimizing environmental degradation caused by the mining and processing of mineral resources (including information on the reprocessing of wastes and tailings and the elimination of negative ecological consequences of the past activities of mineral enterprises)

11. Integration of the issue of the sustainable supply of minerals into the United Nations processes for addressing Agenda 21.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the inter-sessional strategy paper of the Committee on Natural Resources entitled "Towards the sustainable supply of minerals in the context of Agenda 21" and an oral report on related actions by the Commission on Sustainable Development

12. Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Committee.

13. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its third session.

1994/309. Convening of a session of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development in 1995

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 3 November 1994, the Council decided:

(a) That the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development should hold a session in February/March 1995 for 10 days in order to provide advice on energy for rural development to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its third session, as provided for in Agenda 21; 8/

(b) That the following items should be considered at that session:

(i) Energy for rural development;

(ii) Biomass for energy;

(iii) Energy coordination.

8/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

1994/310. Provisional agenda and documentation for the second session of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 3 November 1994, the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the second session of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development set out below.

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.

3. Follow-up to the first session of the Committee.

   Documentation

   Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the first session of the Committee

4. Energy and sustainable development:

   (a) Efficient use of energy and materials: progress, policies and coordination;*

   (b) Renewable sources of energy: progress, policies and coordination;*

   (c) Energy and the protection of the atmosphere;

   (d) Innovative mechanisms for the financing of energy for sustainable development.

   Documentation

   Report of the Secretary-General on each sub-item

5. Medium-term planning in energy.

6. Other matters.

7. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Committee.

8. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its second session.

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* The Committee wishes to be informed of the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development's Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Groups.

1994/311. Committee on Natural Resources and Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 3 November 1994, the Council:

(a) Reaffirmed the importance of the continuing work carried out by the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992.

(b) Noted with appreciation the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its second session 9/ and the report of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development on its first session, 10/ and invited Member States to consider these recommendations, as appropriate;

(c) Requested the Secretary-General to provide the necessary technical and substantive support to the meetings of the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development;

(d) Invited Member States to submit as soon as possible their views on the format in which the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development should present their work, and requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the basis of those views by the substantive session of 1995 of the Economic and Social Council.

9/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 6 and corrigendum (E/1994/26 and Corr.1), chap. I.

10/ Ibid., Supplement No. 5 and corrigendum (E/1994/25 and Corr.1), chap. I.